PATENT CLAIMS

- 1. A binuclear, oxygen-bridged, bimetallic complex of the general formula I
 - (I) $[(LM^1R^1) (Cp_2M^2R^2)] (\mu-0)$

where:

 $M^1 = Al$, Ge, Zr or Ti;

 $M^2 = Zr$, Ti, or Hf;

Cp = cyclopentadienyl;

 R^1 , R^2 = methyl, ethyl, i-propyl, t-butyl, halogen, phenyl, alkylphenyl, SiMe₃; and

L = a bidentate, doubly heteroatom-coordinated organic chemical ligand, which together with the metal M^1 forms a 5 or 6-membered ring.

- 2. The bimetallic complex according to Claim 1, characterized in that it is a heterobimetallic complex, preferably where M^1 = aluminum and M^2 = zirconium, more preferably a complex of the form [(LAlMe) (Cp₂ZrR²)] (μ -O), where R² is Me or Cl.
- 3. The bimetallic complex according to Claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the ligand L has the following composition (formula II):

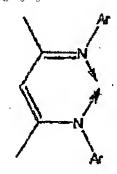
(II)
$$R^{b}-\underline{N}=X(R^{a})_{n}-HC=X(R^{a})_{n}-\underline{N}-R^{b}$$
,

$$R^{a}$$
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where: X = C or P; R^a , $R^b = H$, methyl, ethyl, i-propyl, t-butyl, halogen, phenyl, alkylphenyl, trimethylsilyl; n = 1 if X = C; n = 2 if X = P.

4. The metallocene complex according to Claim 3, characterized in that the ligand L has the following composition:

Ar- \underline{N} =C(CH₃)-HC=C(CH₃)- \underline{N} -Ar, where Ar = 2,6-iPr₂C₆H₃



- 5. A method for producing a binuclear, oxygen-bridged, bimetallic complex according to one of Claims 1 through 4, characterized in that a precursor complex of the formula LM^1R^1 (OH) is reacted with a metallocene precursor complex $Cp_2M^2(R^2)_2$ or $Cp_2M^2MER^2$ or Cp_2M^2HX , where X = halogen, preferably in an inert solvent.
- 6. A catalyst preparation for the polymerization of olefins, which contains at least one complex according to one of Claims 1 through 4 and at least one cocatalyst.
- 7. The catalyst preparation according to Claim 6, characterized in that the cocatalyst is an alkylaluminoxane, preferably methylaluminoxane (MAO).
- 8. A use of binuclear, oxygen-bridged, bimetallic complexes made of a transition metallocene and an

organic aluminum, germanium, zirconium, or titanium compound which does not contain a cyclopentadienyl group, in particular according to one of Claims 1 through 4, as polymerization catalysts.

- 9. The use according to Claim 8, characterized in that it is at least one heterobimetallic complex.
- 10. The use according to Claim 8 or 9, characterized in that the catalyst is used in connection with a cocatalyst of the type [MeAlO]x, trialkyl aluminum, or alkylhaloaluminum, in particular with methylaluminoxane (MAO).

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